



URBAN LITERACY OUTREACH: CONNECTING UNDERGRADUATES TO K-12

Purpose

The Center for the Study and Teaching of Writing launched its first service-learning outreach course spring semester 2013. Dr. Nancy Hill McClary and her team of graduate students connect university undergraduates to K-12 students through onsite literacy workshops. Our outreach to Columbus City Schools is grounded in flexible, unique approaches so we can bring flavor and flair to reading, writing, and speaking.

Impact

Graduate consultants and undergraduate mentors engage more than 150 elementary, middle, and high school students weekly in literacy-based in-school and after school literacy labs to build writing confidence and motivation.

High school teacher comment: "One of the biggest factors that explain how my students feel about your program. Tuesdays (onsite day) are the days that have the highest attendance rate."

Our community partnership with the schools has been effective in generating creative writing output that is strongly connected to issues of identity, community, and current/historical people and events.



OHIO STATE COLLEGES/UNITS INVOLVED

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COMMUNITY PARTNERS INVOLVED

COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOLS

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